

# Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or sweater. The background is dark and out of focus, emphasizing the hands and the light.

## 8. Importunate Prayer

**Luke 11:8** "I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth."

**Meaning:** This parable of the importunate friend was given by Jesus to His disciples when they asked Him to teach them to pray. Importunity is persistence in making an urgent request frequently. The parable describes a friend who came to his friend's house at midnight to ask for bread. Even though it was an inconvenient time, the friend arose and gave what was needed because of his continued and urgent asking.

**Application:** To ask God again and again does not get old to Him, but shows Him the importance of our request. Moses was allowed to see the Promised Land because of his continual asking (Deuteronomy 3:23-28). Abraham was allowed the sparing of Sodom for ten righteous, because of his continual asking (Genesis 18:23-33). God wants us to ask again and again, for He hears our every prayer. Perseverance in prayer is encouraged by God and is pleasing to God.

**Other Verses for Study:** Genesis 32:26; Matthew 15:22-28;  
Luke 11:1-13; Romans 15:30; Colossians 4:12

1. What is importunity? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In our text verse, what was given because of importunity?  
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3. What is pleasing to God? \_\_\_\_\_

**"God loves the importunate pleader, and sends him answers that would never have been granted but for the persistence that refuses to let go until the petition craved for is granted."**